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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MINISTERIAL DECLARATION ON RELATIONS  
WITH LDCS

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B. OECD PARIS 12958

1. MAY 22 HEADS OF DEL MEETING DISCUSSED NEW DRAFT OF PROPOSED DECLARATION WHICH SECRETARIAT HAD CIRCULATED LATE IN MORNING, AND US DEL TOOK POSITIONS PER PARA 7 OF REF B. MAJOR ISSUES OF DISCUSSION (MINOR LANGUAGE CHANGES AND PARAGRAPH REORDERING AND RENUMBERING OMITTED) DESCRIBED BELOW. MISSION HOPES TO PHONE IN FURTHER SECRETARIAT REDRAFT, TAKING ACCOUNT OF RESULTS OF TODAY'S MEETING, BEFORE C.O.B., MAY 22 WASHINGTON TIME. WEE WILL NEED COMMENTS BY 10:30 A.M. PARIS TIME, MAY 23 FOR RENEWED HEADS OF DEL DISCUSSIONS.

2. LONGEST DISCUSSION CENTERED ON PARA 5 OF DRAFT REPORTED REF A. KEY ISSUE IS UK DESIRE TO SIGNAL WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS G-77 SHOPPING LIST AT 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, AND CONSEQUENT OPPOSITION TO ANY LIST OF POLICY

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ISSUES WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE FAVORED BY LDCS OR

INDEED IS NOT WORDED LIKE G-77 LIST. US REP SAW PURPOSE OF THIS PORTION OF PROPOSED DECLARATION AS INDICATING AREAS WHERE OECD MEMBERS WILLING LOOK AT POLICIES TOGETHER. HE STATED WHILE WE WERE PREPARED TO ENTER INTO A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH LDCS, WE NOT PREPARED TO GIVE SIGNAL IN THIS DECLARATION ON AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION IN ANY PARTICULAR FORUMS. SWEDEN SUPPORTED RETENTION OF LIST OF POLICY ISSUES, BUT FRANCE, DENMARK, GERMANY, NEW ZEALAND SUPPORT UK APPROACH. UK DEL PROPOSED ADDITIONAL TEXT TO TAKE PLACE OF LIST (SEE PARA 6 THIS TELEGRAM), WHICH HE SAID WAS DRAFTED BY MINISTER. CANADIANS, WHO BASICALLY OPPOSED TO DECLARATION ON LDCS (APART FROM COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE), ALSO PUT FORWARD ALTERNATIVE TEXT WHICH MERELY STATES INTENTION OF OECD MEMBERS TO REVIEW THEIR POLICIES AND READINESS TO DISCUSS ALL RELEVANT ISSUES WITH LDCS. NEXT SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT WILL TRY TO BRIDGE GAP BUT WE EXPECT ALL THREE OPTIONS (POLICY REVIEW LIST, UK TEXT AND CANADIAN TEXT) WILL APPEAR IN BRACKETS.

3. GROUP GENERALLY AGREED TO CONSOLIDATE CLOSING PARAGRAPHS OF PROPOSED DECLARATION. US SUGGESTED THAT IN MELDING PARAS ANY REFERENCES TO PARTICULAR FORUMS BE LEFT IN BRACKETS. UK DEL SAID DECLARATION WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT WITHOUT MENTION OF 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AND FRENCH DEL, WHILE LESS CLEAR, SAID FAILURE TO MENTION NEED FOR DIALOGUE WITH LDCS AND TO REFER TO CONFERENCE PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT OF FRANCE WOULD CALL INTO QUESTION HIS MINISTER'S INTEREST IN AGREEING TO DECLARATION.

4. GROUP SPLIT SHARPLY ON RETAINING "WORLD ORDER" PHRASE OF ORIGINAL PARA 8, WHICH SECRETARIAT HAD REPLACED BY

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REFERENCE TO "DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS ON MORE RATIONAL AND EQUITABLE BASIS." NETHERLANDS, SPAIN, GREECE, SWEDEN, AND UK INSISTED ON RETENTION OF OLD LANGUAGE, WHILE JAPAN AND GERMANY SUPPORTED NEW. SECGEN HIMSELF THINKS PHRASE "MORE RATIONAL AND EQUITABLE WORLD ORDER" WOULD HAVE FAVORABLE LDC RECEPTION WITHOUT ACTUALLY BUYING THEIR PHRASEOLOGY ON NIEO. NEXT VERSION OF TEXT WILL RETAIN BOTH IN BRACKETS.

5. GROUP SPLIT SIMILARLY OVER SECRETARIAT'S REPLACEMENT OF "INCREASING SHARE" IN PARA 4 REPORTED REF A BY "PARTICIPATING MORE FULLY." BOTH VERSIONS WILL BE RETAINED IN BRACKETS. SECGEN ARGUED FORCEFULLY FOR FORMER ON GROUNDS OF POSITIVE IMPACT ON LDC'S WITHOUT BUYING NOTION OF REDISTRIBUTION (AS WAS ACTUALLY ADVANCED BY PORTUGUESE REP).

6. UK TEXT TO REPLACE POLICY REVIEW LIST IS AS FOLLOWS:  
"WITH THIS IN MIND THEY EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS THE RELEVANT ISSUES WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THEY NOTED THAT THE LATTER HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VIEWS AS TO THE SUBJECTS THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE DISCUSSED. OECD GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR PART WOULD BE PUTTING FORWARD THEIR OWN SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS."  
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